Vol. III. Numb. 92.

THE OBSERVATOR.

The Observator *Threaten'd. The* Jacobites *Reflection on the Meeting at* Salters-Hall *on the* 30th *of* January. *Remarks on the Observation of that Day. The Earl of* Clarendon's *Opinion on that Subject. An Account of the* Lying-Office.

From **Wednesday** February the 28th, to **Saturday** March the 3d, 1705.

Country-m. MAfter *Obſervator*, you are horribly threatn'd at *London*, there's a *Coal-monger* ſays he'll ſhoot you, and the *Potecary* ſays he'll do I don't know what to you.

Obſ. Prithee get me ſomé Evidence of what thou ſay'ſt. I would fain make ſome of the *Jacobites* Repay me my Law Charges. But did they ſay they would Shoot me or Stab me in the Day or the Night, before my Face or behind my Back? I don't much fear 'em, and when they pleaſe to Aſſault me, perhaps I may ſhow 'em a new way of treating an Aſſaſſin, eſpecially one that has threatned me before hand.

Country-m. I don't know how they'll do it. But they are very angry that you ſhould ſpoil their 30th of *January* Plot, by the diſcovery of which, one thought to have been a Member of Parliament, another a Field Officer, and all the Puppies were to have been Captains. But, Maſter, 'twas a ſad thing in you to Publiſh their Forgery, which they thought ſo Beneficial to the Cauſe of St. *Germains*.

Obſ. Prithee, Honeſt *Country-man*, 'tis my Buſineſs to expoſe ſuch as raiſe Lies and Slanders on Her Majeſties beſt Subjects, in order to have them Miſrepreſented at Court, and to create *Jealouſies*, and to raiſe *Feuds* and *Animoſities*, to the Weakening of our Common Intereſt, and to the Strengthening of our Enemies. I don't tell you who 'twas occaſion'd Captain *Weeks* being taken up for High Treaſon, when there was nothing againſt him, yet I can give a ſhrew'd Gueſs at that too; but of this I am certain, that the Burrough of *Southwark* has not enjoy'd its Ancient *Peace* and *Tranquillity* ſince a certain Perſon has had a Power to diſturb it. ——— But of theſe things we may have a better opportunity of Diſcourſing.

Country-m. But, Maſter, the *Jacks* do make a Confounded Noiſe about the 30th of *January*; Drinking in a Tavern on that Day, they ſay is an unpardonable Sin, and can be underſtood no otherwiſe than as an Affront to the Government, tho' they themſelves will Drink and Carouſe at a Tavern on the *Lords Day*. And here's the Libeller *Leſley* ſays, That the Diſſenters at *Salters-Hall*, on the 30th of *January*, Inſulted the Memory of King *Charles* the Firſt by Singing a Pſalm.

Obſ. That's ſomething new. Prithee how was it? I don't remember that King *Charles* the Firſt is mentioned in any of the Pſalms.

Country-m. And I think *Hopkins* and *Sternhold*, that Tranſlated the Pſalms, were Dead before that Time. But the Verſe is this, Pſalm 118 *v.* 22. 23.

This was the mighty work of God,
This was the Lords own Fact.
And it is wondrous to behold
With Eyes that Noble Act.

This is the Joyful Day indeed,
Which God himſelf hath wrought;
Let us be glad and Joy therein,
In Heart, in Mind, in Thought.

Obſ. A *Nonjuror* and a *Lyar* are inſeperable. This Tranſlation is not uſed at *Salters-Hall*, they uſe Mr. *Bartons* Tranſlation, and this Pſalm was Sung as ſuitable to the Subject of the Day, which was relating to our Saviours Exaltation and Triumph over the Scorn and Malice of his Enemies, from the Words of our Saviour. *Mat.* 11. 6. and *Luke* 7. 23. and the Words Sung were as follows

The Stone which by the Builders was
Refuſed with Diſgrace,
Is now become the Corner Stone,
And ſet in chiefeſt Place.
This is the work of our great God,
And wondrous in our Eyes,
This is the Day our Lord hath made,
To fill our Heart with Joys.

Country-m. I proteſt, Maſter, if thoſe Verſes of the Pſalm have any Reference, or meaning concerning the Royal Martyr, the *Diſſenters* uſe a more Modeſt Tranſlation than do the *Churchmen*. But, Sir, how do they prove that the Scripture means King *Charles* I. in that place?

Obſ. The *High-Flying Fantiny Prieſthood* can wreſt the Scriptures to any meaning, elſe how came we by the Doctrines of *Paſſive-Obedience*, *Non-Reſiſtance*, *Sovereign Will*, *Hereditary Right*, and 100 more Enſlaving Doctrines? I'll warrant 'em they'll find a Text of Scripture to ſuit their purpoſe at any Time. I'll tell thee a Story.

A certain Prieſt, juſt ſuch another as *Leſley*, was hired for ten Shillings and a Mourning Hatband, to Preach a Funeral Sermon at the Interrment of a Militia Captain; his Text was, *The End of that Man is Peace.* Says the Parſon, my Beloved, this is the Scripture, and therefore we muſt believe it, otherwiſe it would ſtagger my Faith; for how can the End of a Soldier be Peace?

Country-m. If that Parſon had Liv'd in our Days, he would have known the Lives and Deaths too, of ſome Soldiers to be Peace.

Obſ. Your Sauce-Pan muſt run over to Interruption. He did not tell his Hearers much more of his Courage, than a certain Divine told in a Sermon to the Artillery Company, how they Sweat in Buff for one Day, and Spilt no other Blood than that of the Grape. But he told 'em abundance of his Charity in ſeveral Inſtances, as, That his Children would go to the Captains Houſe, and come home each of 'em with a piece of Bread and Butter in their hands the whole length of the Loaf; nay, ſaid he, my Hogs would go to his Trough, and come with their Tails a Crunckl'd up, 'twould do ones Heart good to ſee 'em.

Country-m.

Country m. Look'ye, Maſter, you muſt not Banter me out of my Diſcourſe. What ſay you to the Obſervation of the 30th of *January*, and to the Non-Obſervation of the Day by the *Diſſenters*? *Leſley*, and the *High-Flyers* don't Trump up this Diſcourſe at this time for nothing.

Obſ. Take away *Forty One*, and the 30th of *January* from their Diſcourſes, and then you take away the Subſtance of all; 'tis all the *Parrots* can ſpeak, and to no more Purpoſe than if they had been ſilent. I ſhan't Quarrel with the *Legiſlative Power* of the Kingdom for impoſing the Obſervation of that Day; but, I thank God, I had no Hand in that Murder; and the Act of Parliament, nor any Royal Mandate requires the *Diſſenters* to obſerve that Day.

Country-m. But perhaps your Parents had a Hand in that Murder, and therefore you ought to obſerve it.

Obſ. Nor had any of my Relations a hand in it: But if ſo, 'tis beſt known to Infinite Wiſdom how far God will *Viſit the Sins of the Fathers upon the Children.* But, I am ſure, there is no Warrant from Scripture for Men to do ſo. But, in this Caſe the *High-Church-men* are *Barbarous*, as well as *Fooliſh*, in laying that *Execrable Murder* at the Door of the *Diſſenters*. *Barbarous*, becauſe not one *Diſſenter* now Living had a hand in it: *Fooliſh*, becauſe the Parents of moſt of the Eminent *Diſſenters* in *England* were *Cavaliers*, and ſuch as ſtood by that Prince, as it is well known many of the greateſt *High-Flyers* and *Perkinites* in the Kingdom are Deſcended from *Puritan* Stocks, and the *Diſſenters* of that time.

There is ſuch an Alteration in Principles, that they can never be charg'd on a Lineal Deſcent; nor do I believe the makers of the Act for the Obſervation of the 30th of *January* ever deſign'd it to be a perpetual Recrimination on Parties, but to perpetuate the Memory of ſo horrid a Murder to Poſtetity. Now we can't help ſome Mens turning the beſt things into Ridicule, nor others making uſe of them as Firebrands of Contention, to ſtir up Inteſtine Diſcord; but this we know, that things Sacred by Gods own Appointment, when they have been Abus'd to Superſtition, have been Deſtroy'd and Aboliſh'd; as was the Brazen Serpent, which *Moſes* put up in the Wilderneſs, and which was no leſs than a Type or Figure of our Saviour *Jeſus Chriſt*. I could ſay more on this Subject, but I am a mark'd Man, and muſt keep to my Cloſe Quarters, and do therefore think it more convenient, and Profitable, to give you the Opinion of one much eſteemed and Applauded by the *High Flying* Party.

The Earl of *Clarendon*, in his Hiſtory, *vol.* 3. *lib.* 11. *pag.* 211, ſays thus, *So ended the Year* 1648; *a Year of Reproach and Infamy above all Years which had paſs'd before it; a Year of the higheſt Diſſimulation and Hypocriſie, of the deepeſt Villany and moſt Bloody Treaſons that ever any Nation was Cruſt with, or under; a Year, in which the Memory of all the Tranſactions ought to be raced out of all Records, left by the Succeſs of it,* Atheiſm, Infidelity *and* Rebellion *ſhou'd be Propagated in the World; a Year, of which we may ſay, as the Hiſtorian ſaid of the Time of Domitian,* Sicut Vetus Æras vidit, quid ultimum in Libertate eſſet, ita nos quid in Servitute. *Or, as the ſame Writer ſays of a Time not altogether ſo Wicked,* Is Habitus animorum fuit, ut peſſimum facinus auderent pauci, plures vellent, Omnes paterentur.

Whatever Ages may have been furniſh'd with Examples of Complicated Villanies; ſurely no Age has afforded more Inſtances of Calumnations and Detractions than this has done: The moſt Execrable Wickednеſſes that former Ages have produc'd, and, which, ought to be Buried in the deepeſt Oblivion, have been new Painted and Expos'd to the Light, with Malicious Applications to Parties, and that, by thoſe who pretend a Right to the Service of the Altar, but are indeed, a Scandal to our Holy Religion. *Fortiter Calumniari*, &c. has been a Maxim uſed in former Times, by Men of like Vertue with our *High-Flyers*, and by Repreſenting thoſe Dreadful *Phenomena*'s, they divert the Eyes of the Populace from looking into their Deſigns upon *Engliſh* Liberties: For what means the Aſperſions caſt on the Friends to the Government, but to bring them into Diſgrace, that ſo our Enemies may, with leſs difficulty, leap over the Fences of our Law?

Country-m. Maſter, did you ever hear of the Lying Office?

Obſ. Not I. Prethee is there any ſuch thing?

Country-m. Yes there is. There are a parcel of Men that have taken their Degrees in Lying, to whom *Leſly* is Chaplain, and Secretary. Theſe Men meet at a certain place, where they contrive Lies againſt the Government, and he is eſteemed the beſt Man that can Forge a Lie that is beſt ſpread and propagated fartheſt. 'Twas at this Club that the Lie was Forged about the Officers at *Gibraltar*.

Obſ. That was a Falſehood worthy Puniſhment from the Judge, highly Scandalous and Invidious. But, prithee, are any of the *Southwark* Lyars of that Club?

Country-m. Yes to be ſure; you may know that by their Secretary *Leſly*'s Publiſhing their Lye in his *Scandal Advertiſment*. But I'll tell you what, the *Southwark* Lyars will be baniſh'd that Society, for their Lye was preſently Detected; whereas a Lye that does ſervice to the Cauſe muſt have a long run and do Execution before it is Detected. Now, you know, to form a Lye upon *Gibraltar*, at ſuch a long Diſtance, ſeems reaſonable, becauſe it requires time to have it Contradicted.

Obſ. I don't wonder at their Forgeing a Lye on the Actions of Men, at a place that has loſt 'em ſo much Money. But we may juſtly reflect, what a Party *Perkin* has in *England*, whoſe chief-eſt Talent is Lying, who build the hopes of their Empire on the Rotten *Baſis* of Forgeries and Falſehoods, and whoſe Cauſe is ſupported by ſuch mean Props as *Calumny* and *Slander*. A juſt Cauſe dares ſee the Light in its proper Colours, without any Artifices of Art to embeliſh it, and ſtanding on the ſolid *Baſis* of Truth, the God of Truth will be its Support. I ſhall conclude with the Divine *Herbert*.

Dare to be True; nothing can need a Lye:
A Fault that needs it moſt, grows two thereby.

Advertiſements.

A Certificate concerning *Stoughton*'s Cordial Elixir.

THIS is to Certifie, that having uſed Mr. *Stoughtons* Cordial Elixir, found always great Benefit and Succeſs from it, and affirm that when my Ship lay at *Jamaica*, a while ago, ſix or ſeven of my Men fell ill with a great ſtoppage at the Stomach, high Feaver, immediatly Light Headed, together with a Vomitting and Looſeneſs, and moſt Died in 24 Hours; preſently after, ſix or ſeven more fell ill in the ſame manner, and then I Plyed them with the ſaid Elixir, and with the Bleſſing of God, every one were ſpeedily Cured, and all the Men acknowledge they owe their Lives to that Medicine, and I am of Opinion it is of great uſe to be taken to Sea, it was in mighty Eſteem at *Jamaica* when I came away, and was Sold for 2*s.* 6*d.* a Bottle. ——— This is *Verbatim.* Signed *Matthew Beeſly*, Capt: of the *Bonadventure* Auguſt 17. 1703.

I have more Certificates by me to the ſame effect, too long to Inſert here, but any Body may ſee them. The ſaid Captain has taken a quantity with him, and ſome others lately, and I do believe it to be the beſt one Medicine in *England*, to carry to Sea; for thoſe Scorbutick Feavers, Fluxes, Gripes, *&c.* proceeds from Infectious Air, Weakneſs of Stomach and Bowels, *&c.* againſt which this is a moſt Noble Remedy, to be taken in a a Dram of Brandy, Rum, or Punch, as a Preſervative or Curative. It will keep good many Years, and alters not in any Climate; when once tryed, few would venture to Sea without it. The Captain is a Man of great Reputation and Worth, is juſt now come Home again, and declares it was in as great Eſteem at Barbadoes, and could have Sold (would he have ſpar'd it) at any Reaſonable Price. He is almoſt every Day at the Cock in Birchin-Lane, or at the Mair-Maid-Tavern in Cornhil, (his Dwelling at Poplar) from whence any Gentleman (who deſires it) may have further Satisfaction.

There is Newly Publiſhed the Third Edition of

ENglands Intereſt: Or, the Gentleman & Farmers Friend; ſhewing, 1. How Land may be Improv'd from 10*s.* to 8*l.* and ſo to 100*l. per* Acre *per Annum*, with Eaſe, and for an inconſiderable Charge. 2. How to make Cyder, Perry, Cherry, Currant, Gooſeberry and Mulberry Wines, as Strong and Wholſome as *French* or *Spaniſh* Wines. And the Cyder and Wines ſo made, to be Sold for 3*d. per* Quart, tho' as good as Wine now Sold for 18*d.* 3. The Beſt and Quickeſt way of Raiſing a Nurſery. 4. Directions for Brewing the Fineſt Malt-Liquors, much Better and Cheaper than hitherto known: Shewing what Care is to be taken in the Choice of Water, Malt, and Hops, and how they are to be Mixed, Boyled, and Fermented, for making the beſt *March* or *October* Beer, ſtrong Ale, *&c.* 5. Inſtructions for Breeding Horſes much Cheaper, and to a far greater Advantage than before known. 6. Of the Husbandry of Bees, and the great Benefit thereby. 7. Inſtructions for the Profitable Ordering of Fiſh-Ponds, and Breeding of Fiſh. Price 1*s.*

AN Hiſtorical and Political Treatiſe of the Navy: With ſome Thoughts how to retrieve the Ancient Glory of the Navy of *England*. Humbly Offer'd to the Conſideration of both Houſes of Parliament. Written by *John Tutchin*, Gent. Author of the *Obſervator*. Price 6*d.*

ENgland's Happineſs conſider'd, in ſome Expedients: Viz. 1 *Of the Care of Religion.* 2 *Of Union amongſt all Proteſtants.* 3. *Of Reformation of Manners.* 4 *Of* Reſtraining *ſuch Perſons as are Enemies to the Chriſtian* Religion *in General, or to the Proteſtant* Religion *in Particular.* Humbly offer'd to the Conſideration of both Houſes of *Parliament.* *By* John Tutchin, *Gent. Author of the* Obſervators. *Price* 6d.

THE Travels of an *Engliſh* Gentleman from *London* to *Rome* on Foot, Containing a Comical Deſcription of what he met with Remarkable in every City, Town, and Religious Houſe in the whole Journey. Alſo an Account of their Ridiculous Religion, Proceſſions and Ceremonies in their Churches, thro' their Streets and in their Woods. Likewiſe, The Debauch'd Lives, and Amorous Intrigues of the Luſtful Prieſts and Leacherous Nuns. With an Account of the Opening the Holy Gate of St. *Peter*'s Church; Alſo Reflections upon the Superſtitions and Foppiſh Pageantry of the laſt Grand Jubilee at *ROME. Now Publiſhed for the Diverſion and Information of the* Proteſtants *of* England. Price bound One Shilling.

All Four Sold by *J. How*, at the *ſeven-ſtars*, in *Talbot-Court*, in *Grace-Church-ſtreet*.

London, Printed for the Author, *John Tutchin.* 1705.